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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/1110)

Haiti (S/1998/1064 and S/1998/1117)*

Other matters

Morning**	3947th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1998/1073)

Morning***	3948th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

   Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1998/1012 and Add.1)

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

*** To be held following the adjournment of the 3947th meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997) CONCERNING SIERRA LEONE

9.45 a.m.	6th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	70th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/488)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.41 and Corr.1)
2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/170) [58]*
3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [60]*
4. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676)
   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1)

3 p.m.	71st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676)

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1)

* Items 58 and 60 will be considered together.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.8 (Triennial policy review) (item 95); A/C.2/53/L.16 (Convention to Combat Desertification) (item 94 (e)); A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing conventions related to environment) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.21 (Report of the Governing Council of United Nations Conference on Environment Programme) (item 94); A/C.2/63/L.25 (Commitments undertaken at the Untied Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly) 94 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.27 (Eradication of Poverty) (item 98); and A/C.2/93/L.29 (Convention on Biological Diversity) (item 94 (d))

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.31 (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.36 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93 (d)); and A/C.2/53/L.45 (Thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund (item 93 (f))

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.4 (Financial crisis) (item 91 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence) (item 91); and A/C.2/53/L.26 (International trade and development) (item 91 (a))

3 p.m. — 41st meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.37

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (a) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.2 and L.47

3. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

   Action on draft decision A/C.2/53/L.45

4. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15 and L.46

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

[To be announced]

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* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 36th meeting — Conference Room 3

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [116]

Budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system (A/53/647)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27))

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments: programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/53/L.23
2. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination
3. Children and armed conflict

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 25 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on environmental issues)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will continue *today*, 25 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 27 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment will reopen in Dakar on Friday, 27 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: Dakar (221-8201515 or 221-8202122, extension 5623/4).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder @un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 27 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, instead of on Friday, 27 November.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 23 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.58/Rev.1

The representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Indonesia.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 109 to 1, with 40 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Australia, the Republic of Korea and Canada made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of reports under sub-items 110 (a), (b), (c) and (e).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 110 as a whole.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Document A/C.3/53/L.64

The representative of the secretariat introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work, as contained in the document.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1999-2000, as orally revised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/53/3, in particular chapters I, III, V, VI and VIII (Sections A, C, and I) and chapter X, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of African States), South Africa (on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement and on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Australia (on behalf of the group of Western European and Other States), Romania (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States), Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Oman (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Yemen (on behalf of Arab States) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

The Committee thus concluded its work for the session.

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3946th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 10 of Security Council resolution 1153 (1998) (S/1998/1100)

Letter dated 20 November 1998 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1104)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1112, which had been submitted by France, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1112).

Décision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1112) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1210 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

68th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35)

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45)

The representative of Finland made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.35.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.45.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Senegal, Monaco, the Federated States of Micronesia (on behalf of the South Pacific Forum), Indonesia, Iceland, Malta, Norway, Bolivia, Argentina and Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

Programme of work

In accordance with paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to authorize the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council to meet during the main part of its fifty-third session.

69th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/228).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Mauritania and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring it.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) Business and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Armenia, Colombia and Poland had joined in sponsoring it.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 92 (a).

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 92 (b) and of item 92 as a whole.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.12 and L.40

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (a).

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally amended the draft. He informed the Committee that Estonia, Monaco, San Marino and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (b).

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the observer for Switzerland.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(g) Cultural development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally amended the draft. He subsequently announced that, as amended, the text should be considered a Vice-Chairman's text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (g).

Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.44 and brought to the Committee's attention a correction to be incorporated into the French version of the text. He informed the Committee that Japan would have wished to co-sponsor the draft resolution, prior to its becoming a Vice-Chairman's text.

The representative of Australia informed the Committee that her delegation would also have wished to co-sponsor the draft resolution, prior to its becoming a Vice-Chairman's text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia informed the Committee, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, that the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.10 had been withdrawn.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.14.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made a statement.

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/53/L.45

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Chairman introduced the draft decision.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Chairman informed the Committee that all comments made on this agenda item would be transmitted to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

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The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to documents A/C.2/53/8 and A/53/682.

Organization of work

Provided that agreement had been reached in informal consultations, the Committee agreed to take action on the following draft resolutions at its next meeting on Wednesday, 25 November, at 3 p.m.: under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee: A/C.2/53/L.31 (item 93 (c)) and L.36 (item 93 (d)); under the chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee: A/C.2/53/L.2 (item 91 (d)), L.4 (item 91 (b)), L.5 (item 91 (c)), L.34 (item 91 (a)), L.37 (item 12) and L.38 (item 12); under the chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee: A/C.2/53/L.15 (item 94 (c)), L.16 (item 94 (e)), L.25 (item 94 (a)) and L.27 (item 98).

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

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The representative of India informed the Committee that had she been present during the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22, her delegation would have voted in favour.

The representative of Kazakhstan informed the Committee that Mongolia had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 35th meeting

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Application of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization/General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for withdrawal from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund introduced the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/53/9/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/696).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held in the context of the ongoing informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system).

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] *(A52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)*

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] *(A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and India.

The representatives of Poland, Lithuania and Romania aligned themselves with the statement made by the representative of Austria who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these agenda items.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Note: The summary of the 35th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/228).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1998

41st and 42nd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33) in closed session.

It then continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Germany (E/1994/104/Add.14) in a public meeting. In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. New York, 21 November 1947

Application in respect of the International Fund for Agricultural Development: Ecuador (20 November 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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World AIDS Day

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of films at 6 p.m. each evening, followed by a panel discussion

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General Assembly:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Opening of the plenary meeting
	Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes
	Statements on the fiftieth anniversary
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters:

11.15 a.m.	Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]
11.45 a.m.	Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
12.15 p.m.	Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
1.05 p.m.	Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
1.15 p.m.	Second screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 26 November 1998

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 26 November 1998, *Thanksgiving Day*.]

Friday, 27 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9 and Add.1, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18, A/53/511 and A/53/696))

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 27 November 1998

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 30 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 72nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/53/L.55) [41]
2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/694) [12]
3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.2) [118]

3 p.m. — 73rd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Keynote presentation

There will be an address on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Second Committee, on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the meeting. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment will reopen in Dakar on Friday, 27 November 1998. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: Dakar (221-8201515 or 221-8202122, extension 5623/4).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder @un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9, instead of on Friday, 27 November.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, repre- sentatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

69th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35)

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, India, China, the Marshall Islands, Australia, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Croatia, New Zealand, Uruguay, Mexico, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago and Nigeria.

In accordance with Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996, the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

In accordance with Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution A/53/L.45.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 134 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.35 (resolution 53/32).

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.45 (resolution 53/33).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Chile, China, the Philippines, Malaysia and Bolivia.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 38.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1.

On behalf of the Bureau, the representative of the Netherlands, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Spain made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 153.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19/Rev.1.

The Coordinator of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan, introduced the revised draft resolution.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 148.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Coordinator of the informal consultations, the representative of Canada, reported on the result of consultations on the draft international convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1.

The Coordinator of the draft resolution, the representative of Argentina, introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1 and orally revised it.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representatives of Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Sweden made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Niger.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 155.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Oman (on behalf of the Asian States), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Australia (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the Sudan (on behalf of the African States) and Israel.

The Sixth Committee thus concluded its work.

Wednesday, 25 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3947th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1998/1073)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1998/1115), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1115) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1115) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1211 (1998).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/33).

3948th meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1998/1012 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/34).

3949th meeting

The situation in Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (S/1998/796)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (S/1998/1064)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Chile, Haiti and Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1998/1117, which had been submitted by Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, France, the United States of America and Venezuela.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Chile and Canada.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1117) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Brazil, Kenya, Portugal, France and the Russian Federation.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1117) received 13 votes in favour, none against and two abstentions (China and the Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1212 (1998).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representative of China, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

70th plenary meeting

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/488)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.41 and Corr.1)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.41 and Corr.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay, South Africa, Brazil, Nigeria, Namibia and Benin.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.41 and Corr.1.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and France.

By 126 votes to 0, with 1 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.41 and Corr.1 as orally revised (resolution 53/34).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France and the United States.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 32.

Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/170) [58]

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [60]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Philippines, Canada, Nigeria, Algeria, Egypt and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58 and agenda item 60.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676)

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand and Algeria.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the next meeting of the General Committee would be held on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, at 9 a. m. in Conference Room 4, to take up the question of the allocation of agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and to consider a request contained in document A/53/234 for the inclusion of an additional item on the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly.

71st plenary meeting

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676)

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Australia, Mexico, Ukraine, Pakistan, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Viet Nam, Cuba, Tunisia, Brazil, Egypt, Fiji and Cameroon.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Assembly at its 67th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 30.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.37

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally amended the draft.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted an oral decision proposed by the Chairman of the Committee, taking note of document A/53/406 and chapters I to V, VIII (sections A to C and E to H) and X of document A/53/3.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34 and drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

(d) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.2 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 91 (d).

Subsequently, the representatives of the Philippines and the United States made statements with regard to editorial corrections to the text of A/C.2/53/L.47.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Action on draft decision A/C.2/53/L.45

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft decision.

The Committee then adopted the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 93 (f).

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.15 and L.46

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (c).

Organization of work

The Vice-Chairmen of the Committee reported on the status of the draft proposals under their jurisdiction.

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.31 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee decided that informal consultations would be held on Monday, 30 November and that the final meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday, 1 December, at 3 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [116]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system

The Director of the Management Policy Office introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/674).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system (Statistical report by the Administrative Committee on Coordination) (A/53/647) and the relevant paragraphs of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1998

43rd and 44th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Germany (E/1994/104/Add.14) in closed session.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the Covenant [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the draft general comment on domestic application of the Covenant in a public meeting.

Organisation of work [2]

The Committee considered various matters under this item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Monaco (25 November 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

10 December 1998

General Assembly:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opening of the plenary meeting

Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes

Statements on the fiftieth anniversary

3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Continuation of the plenary meeting

9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters:

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 30 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on his recent trip to the Sudan and Somalia

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	72nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/53/L.55) [41]

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/694) [12]

3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.2) [118]

3 p.m.	73rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.8 (Triennial Policy Review) (item 95); A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing Conventions related to environment) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.21 (Report of the Governing Council of United Nations Conference on Environment Programme) (item 94)

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr.Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.14 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93(d)); A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573 and A/53/7/Add.7)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Procurement reform and outsourcing (A/52/338 and Add.1, A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Add.1, A/53/692)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [119]

   Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/691)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

5. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669)

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* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/11, A/53/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/53/2) and 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/217, A/52/811, A/52/879, A/53/513))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	242nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 30 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: organization of work)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda 41 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), organized by the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on Monday, 30 November 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

a) Agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Dominican Republic (A/53/234)

10 a.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

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(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

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3 p.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

a) Reports of the Secretary General (A/53/550 and A/53/652)

b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52 and A/53/L.53)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Keynote presentation

There will be an address on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Second Committee, on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the meeting. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-third session organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 3 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in Dakar. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: Dakar (221-8201515 or 221-8202122, extension 5623/4).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder @un.org)).

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 5 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 1 December 1998. The programme, co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), in association with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will begin at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen will participate. A panel discussion on "Youth: A Force for Change" with the participation, among others, of actress Sharon Stone, Chairman of AmFar's Campaign for AIDS Research, and James Carmichael, Representative, UNAIDS, will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Opening of the plenary meeting
	Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes
	Statements on the fiftieth anniversary
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters

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Chairmen of regional groups

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African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
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Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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